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Lead Poisoning Prevention in Eureka

The mission of the Environmental Epidemiology Program is to increase the health of Eureka residents by eliminating lead poisoning thru:

- Blood lead testing
- Bi-annual newsletters
- Prevention counseling
- Outreach/education to the community and schools.

The Utah Department of Health along with the Central Utah Public Health Department began holding free blood lead testings in 2000. Beginning in 2000 thru March 2005, 661 blood lead tests have been performed on Eureka residents.

The blood lead testing sessions are held four times per year:

- February/March
- May/June
- August/September
- November/December

The **August/September** testing is intended as a way to monitor all Eureka children's blood lead levels and to identify blood lead levels that may have increased over the summer, due to more time spent outdoors. The August/September blood lead testing session is focused on reaching **all** children ages 6 months to 17 years of age and pregnant women living in Eureka.

The three other testing sessions (November-June) target those children 6 months to 17 years that:

- have had a previous elevated blood lead level (above 10mg/dl)
- Have never had a blood lead test
- And those children that regularly participate in activities that put them at risk for lead poisoning (dirt biking, parents occupations or hobbies involving lead, home remodeling, etc.)

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May 20, 2004—Testing Session

The May testing was held in conjunction with the **T-Night** celebration and bonfire at the Tintic High School.

Eighteen residents were tested with two being at elevated levels (above 10mg/dL).

All tested were given Go-Gurts (yogurts) and juice.



September 22, 2004—Testing Session



Come One
Come All

With September being our biggest testing of the year we had a carnival celebration. Seventy-one blood lead tests were performed, 10 being elevated (above 10mg/dL).

Those who were tested received tickets to join in the carnival fun... tickets could be used on; ring toss, fish pond, sucker pull or the bean bag toss.

Those tested also received balloons, popcorn, juice, Go-Gurts (yogurt), "runs better unleaded" t-shirts, stuffed monkeys, water bottles and prizes at each game table. There was also a CD/ headset prize drawing for all the teenagers who participated.

December 15, 2004—Testing Session

The Utah Department of Health is coming to town...

Twenty-eight blood lead tests were performed by Central Utah Public Health Nurses at the December testing held at the Eureka Elementary School. Three tests came back elevated (above 10mg/dL).

Each Person tested received a Christmas treat bag including prizes, oranges and juice.



March 10, 2005—Testing Session



The theme for the March testing was...

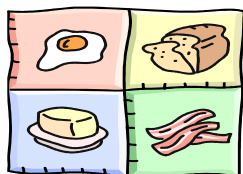
"It's that **TIME** again"

Central Utah Public Health Department nurses kept very busy... Thirty-one blood lead tests were performed, 5 being at elevated levels (above 10mg/dL).

Everyone that attended learned ways to "**WATCH**" their lead levels.

Those who received a blood lead test were given a watch along with their choice of a fruit or vegetable bowl and water.

Ways to “WATCH” your Lead Level



Eat a Balanced Diet



Wash Fruits & Veggies



Bath Regularly



Blood Lead Tests



Clean Toys



Wet Dust & Mop



Bath Pets



Wash Hands



Take off Shoes
to go Inside

A special thanks to everyone involved in making the blood lead testing sessions a success!

Upcoming Events

- Bi-annual newsletter– September/October
- Testing Sessions:
 - May, August & November
- Consultations with parents/guardians of children with elevated blood lead levels
- New educational display booths at Eureka Elementary School, Tintic High School and the EPA Welcome Center

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